

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to methods for providing periodic status updates from a printer to a host system, and a printer capable of providing such status updates. A printer in accordance with the present invention includes means for generating printer status

5 information and means for automatically sending the printer status information to the host system at periodic time intervals, without the need for a status request from the host system or a status change at the printer. The time interval and/or the status information may be configured via the host system.

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